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SUBJ: IN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING--FEBRUARY 12

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES STATEMENTS AT FEBRUARY 11 MEETING.

A. CANADA. RESTRUCTURING MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SUBSTANTIVE PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY IN CIEC AND PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD IV AS WELL AS THE OTHER UN INSTITUTIONAL REVIEWS BEING CONDUCTED; THE EXPERTS' REPORT DESERVES SPECIAL EMPHASIS AS AN IMAGINATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION LARGELY SUPPORTED BY CANADA, BUT IS RECOMMENDATIONS DO NOT HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN INSEPARABLE PACKAGE; REFORM MUST LEAD TO STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO DIRECT AND CONTROL UN OPERATIONS; AND, THEY SUPPORT THE CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL THAT THIS SESSION SHOULD IDENTIFY PROBLEM AREAS FOR PRIORITY ATTENTION.

B. GATT. DIRECTOR-GENERAL LONG PRESENTED A DRY DESCRIPTION OF GATT FUNCTIONS IN WHICH HE STRESSED THE CONTRACTUAL NATURE OF GATT AND THE FACT THAT IT IS AN EVOLVING INSTRUMENT. LONG VALUED THE PRACTICAL AND SENSIBLE NATURE  
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OF THE DE FACTO RELATIONSHIP ARRANGEMENTS EXISTING

BETWEEN GATT AND THE UN SYSTEM. HE GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE EXPERTS' REPORT THAT STRUCTURAL CHANGES SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE MTN. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM MEXICO, LONG AGREED TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON RELATIONS BETWEEN GATT AND THE UN SYSTEM. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM ARGENTINA, LONG SAID THAT GATT CAN MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND CITED THE TOKYO DECLARATION IN THIS CONTEXT. HE DUCKED THE ARGENTINE QUESTION REGARDING THE EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRINGING SUCH BODIES AS GATT, IMF, AND IBRD MORE EFFECTIVELY INTO THE UN SYSTEM AND FOR EVENTUALLY ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION.

C. FINLAND. PURPOSE OF RESTRUCTURING IS TO ENABLE UN TO TRANSLATE NIEO INTO REALITY, GRADUAL STEPS TOWARD REFORM ARE TO BE PREFERRED, EXPERTS' REPORT PROVIDES GOOD STARTING POINT BUT NEGLECTS SOCIAL DIMENSION, AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ALSO NEED INTERNAL RESTRUCTURING.

D. IBRD. PRESIDENT MCNAMARA PRAISED THE EXPERTS' REPORT FOR ITS EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR STRONG LEADERSHIP IN THE UN SYSTEM AND FOR ITS STRESS ON IMPROVING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. MCNAMARA OUTLINED SOME IBRD PRACTICES WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE: QUALITY OF IBRD STAFF THANKS TO THE ABSENCE OF NATIONAL QUOTA REQUIREMENTS, THE NON-POLITICAL CHARACTER OF IBRD DECISION-MAKING, CONSENSUS-DECISION MAKING AND THE CURRENT IBRD FOCUS ON INCREASING THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE ABSOLUTELY POOR. OF SPECIAL INTERESTS, MCNAMARA STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR CONSIDERATION THE NEWLY DEVELOPED IBRD INDEPENDENT PROJECT EVALUATION MECHANISM. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM ALGERIA, MCNAMARA INDICATED THAT THE BANK WELCOMES THE INTEREST OF NON-MEMBER STATES IN BECOMING MEMBERS.

E. WFP. DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBINSON DESCRIBED THE ORIGINS, STRUCTURE, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE WFP. HE THEN DISCUSSED PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXPERTS FOR CONSOLIDATING WFP INTO THE PROPOSED UNDA. HE POINTED OUT, INTER ALIA, THAT WFP IS NEITHER A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOR PRE-INVESTMENT AGENCY, THE BULK OF ITS OPERATIONS ARE IN FOOD STUFFS

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THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL SKILLS, AND THAT FAO'S PARTIAL SPONSORSHIP OF WFP WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL CONSULTATIONS WITH FAO BEFORE WFP COULD BE CONSOLIDATED INTO THE UNDA. ROBINSON ENDED BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE AD HOC COMITE WOULD ASSURE "THAT THE UN BOAT NOT BE UNDULY ROCKED."

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